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30 January 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Medical Staff

SUBJECT : Hospitalization of Senior Agency Officials at Government Installations.

1. Pursuant to our recent discussion of the question of whether or not we could hospitalize senior officials of the Agency at Governmental installations such as the Walter Reed Army Hospital, the Bethesda Naval Hospital, or the National Institutes of Health, I reported on this matter at the Deputies' Meeting held on 30 January 1957 (at which Mr. Dulles, General [REDACTED] Mr. Amory, Mr. [REDACTED] were present) substantially as follows:

a. That there was no clear legal basis for the hospitalization of CIA personnel at these installations;

b. That as a practical matter we were reasonably certain that the Chief, Medical Staff could make arrangements for the hospitalization of senior Agency officials on a very limited and highly restrictive basis in the event that the Director so desired;

c. That arrangements were already made for such hospitalization for the Director without further formality;

d. That I considered it undesirable to attempt to formalize any such policy or procedure at this time;

e. That the current rate for hospitalization at such facilities was about \$20.00 per day.

2. I urged that this information be held very closely and not disseminated below the level of those attending the Meeting. The Director approved of this and suggested that we might have some intelligence information in the medical field in which the National Institutes of Health would be interested and, consequently, be able to work up some general feeling of reciprocity through this effort. Mr. Amory undertook to explore the matter with the Office of Scientific Intelligence. (I suggest that you follow up on this with [REDACTED] without delay in order to insure that it does not get off the track anywhere.)

/s/

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(Support)

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